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PROVISION OF COLD STORAGE IN TERMINAL MARKETS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up cold chains, provision of pre-cooling facilities and cold storages in terminal markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Government has a scheme for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storages and storages for horticulture produce. The scheme is being implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture, through the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).Under this scheme, financial assistance in the form of back-ended subsidy is provided to the organisations such as Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings/Bodies,Companies, Corporations, Partnership and proprietary firms, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees/Boards, Growers` Associations and Non-Governmental Organisations. Capital subsidy @ 25% of the total project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs and for North-Eastern States @ 33.33% subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 60.00 lakhs is provided. The scheme is applicable to all those States/Union Territories which do not control rentals.